

Guletide Musings

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after life, of aquilla, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stocking.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

Ask a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered wherein consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.

Suspicion, Not Surprise.

Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave such an expensive present for Christmas.

Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

Extent of Their Friendship.

Dimpleton—Do you still keep up your friendship with the Caterbys?

Hatterson—We see them very little, but we annoy each other with Christmas presents every year.

RULES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Give willingly.
Give tactfully.
Put thought into your giving.
Don't consider return gifts.
Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself.
The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation.
To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste.

Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving.
Never give more than you can afford.
Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.



A star arose o'er Bethlehem, and many caused to see
The wondrous light flood hill and vale so full of mystery.
The shepherds bowed their heads in prayer, the wicked stooped to pray
For grace and pity on their souls, for peace 'twas Christmas Day.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, each rock and hill and tree
Swam then in waves of empyrean, and far as one could see
The purple shades upon the hills the gold of leaf and stem
All that they saw with wondering eyes, nor knew it was for them.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, O' light and break and beam
There is a promise in the words a voice in the sound
O turn thy face towards light, O turn thy face away from gloom
And know the star o'er Bethlehem is now the star for thee!

—RUTH STERRY

CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

The love-light in the eyes of the precious ones of the household is the most brilliant of Christmas illuminations.

The soft Christmas light is not the least welcome where the shadows of bereavement have fallen during the year. The Christmas angels hover over such dwellings of sorrow in ministrations of divine love.



The Christmas Spirit

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Christmas is the season of kindness. For Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ into the world, and the heart of the Christ message is love—love expressing itself in homely channels of friendliness and good will, love that "suffereth long and is kind." If we have kindly emotions, let them have their way and blossom into kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Let the free child spirit of open-hearted friendliness prevail. For this is the child's festival, celebrating the birth of a child, the wonderful Giver who gave Himself for mankind. Let us carry the Christmas spirit through all the following days that come and go with all their measure of care or pain or pleasure, and bear in our hearts the inspiration and hope of the blessed Christmas festival of love, bearing ever ringing above the sounds of earth and sense, the song of the angels heralding in the birth of the Saviour of mankind.

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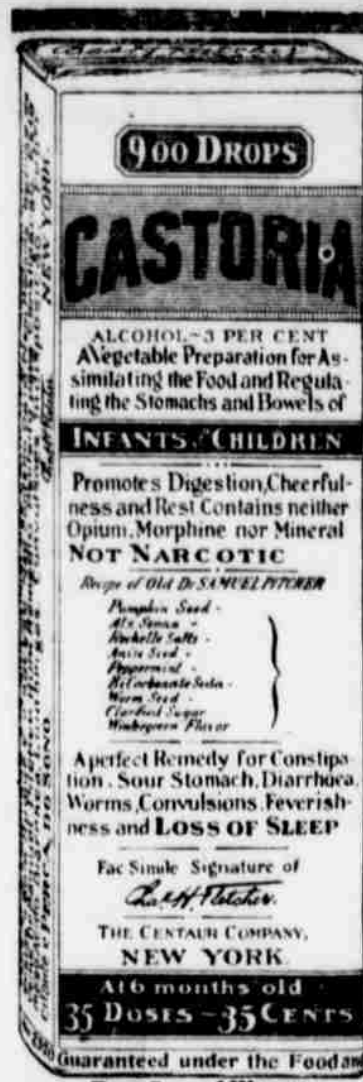
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